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1. While the two important posts of Minister of Defense and Minister of Interior remain vacant, Ali Budierdjo, Secretary General of the Ministry of Defense, and Wongsonegoro, Secretary General of the Ministry of Interior, have been supervising and handling routine affairs in their respective ministries. Neither one has the authority to initiate or determine Government policy with regard to internal security. Since Asaat's resignation as Minister of Interior, this department has been undergoing a reorganization. The Indonesian Civil Police under Sukanto may be removed from the ministry's control and set up as an autonomous department with a permanent staff. However, it will maintain liaison with both the Ministries of Interior and Justice. Although Police Chief Sukanto would report directly to the Prime Minister, his position could not be affected by any change of cabinet.
2. Many observers of the Indonesian political scene feel that Sjahrir should form a new cabinet, cutting across party lines. The following cabinet is recommended:

Prime Minister and Foreign Minister	Sutan Sjahrir	Partai Sosialis Indonesia (PSI)
Minister of Defense	Namengku Buwono IX	
Minister of the Interior	Sidik Djojosukarto	Partai Nasional Indonesia (PNI)
Minister of Commerce and Industry	Sujono Hadinoto	PNI
Minister of Agriculture and Fishery	Tandiono Manu	
Minister of Finance	Siafrudin Prawira- Masjumi Hogenim	
Minister of Justice	Prof. R. Suwomo	

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Minister of Information	Sjamsudin Machmud	PNI
Minister of Education	Dr. Abu Hanifah	Masjumi
Minister of Health	Dr. J. Leimena	Partai Kristen Indonesia (PKI)
Minister of Labor	Sugondo Djojo- puspito	PSI
Minister of Religion	I.J. Kasino	Partai Katolik Republik Indonesia (PKRI)
Minister of Social Affairs	Dr. Hamdani	PNI
Minister of State	Harsono Tjok- roaminoto	Partai Sarekat Islam Indonesia (PSII)

Each of these men is an expert in the field he is to manage. Sjahrir must have Nasjumi support if he is to form a cabinet. Lack of Nasjumi backing caused Sjahrir's second cabinet to fall in 1946.